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Report Highlights:

Poland says "NIE" to advanced payments to farmers.

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On September 30, the Polish Ministry of Agriculture announced that it would not make early direct payments to farmers, despite successfully lobbying Commission officials for approval to do so. According to the Minister of Agriculture, the agency responsible for preparing the payments could not be ready to do so by the scheduled date, October 16. After consultations with representatives of the party that won the recent Polish parliamentary elections, a decision was announced not to pay the advance. Lack of funds on the Polish side reportedly was also an issue. Full payments will be made starting December 1, as originally scheduled. The Commission had granted Polish officials approval to distribute an advance payment equal to 50 percent of the annual direct payment due farmers. The Ministry argued that the advance was necessary to assist farmers hurt by drought this past summer.